

ator Jones said he did not believe any other nation would attempt to acquire Hawaii, but if it did he would be in favor of fighting for whatever right or title we may have to Pearl Harbor.

Senator Gorman retorted that if Pearl Harbor was worth fighting for, the entire Hawaiian group ought to be worth something to the United States, now that we had an opportunity to obtain possession of these islands, without going to war, and it seemed to him from a purely business standpoint a good investment. In eastern trade Hawaii offered just the facilities we needed, and it would be folly to let such a golden opportunity pass from us.

FRIENDS ARE HOPEFUL.

Annexation Revives Some Unexpected Strength.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—"When the Hawaiian treaty comes up for consideration next week," said Annexation Commissioner Thurston, "our friends will lay great stress upon the situation in China and the East as a reason for ratifying the treaty. We had expected strenuous opposition from the Southern Democrats, and particularly those who represent sugar-producing States. It transpires, however, that some of the very men we had figured among our strongest opponents from this section have experienced a change of opinion, and in all probability, will be recorded in favor of ratifying the treaty now before the Senate."

"Things certainly look more promising now than they did before the holiday recess, and we are encouraged to believe that the necessary two-thirds majority will be recorded when the final vote is reached."

Hawaiian annexationists now claim sixty-one votes for the treaty, divided as follows: Republicans, 43; Populists, 5; Silverites, 5, and Democrats, 8.

FOR A PACIFIC CABLE.

Important Measure Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—Taylor of Ohio introduced in the House today a bill to encourage commerce with Hawaii and Japan by authorizing payment for twenty years of not exceeding \$160,000 per year, payable quarterly, for telegraphic communication from San Francisco to Honolulu and via the Midway Islands to points to be selected on the Japanese coast. The money is to be paid on a contract to be entered into between the United States and private enterprises for the operation of a cable. After the twenty years Government messages are forever to be sent free.

The contract requires the contractor to accept the transfer of Hawaiian concession to Z. S. Spalding. The contract is to be let after four months' advertising; the bidder must deposit \$100,000 bonds with the Postmaster-General. The cable to Honolulu must be completed by January 1, 1899, and to Japan by January, 1900. Its capacity must be fifteen words a minute and the rate must not exceed \$1.25 a word to Japan and 35 cents to Honolulu. In case of war or emergency the Government may take the cable.

OPPOSED TO POSTAL BANKS.

New York Financiers Don't Take to the Idea.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The postal savings bank idea is not a popular one in New York banking circles. A canvass of the presidents of prominent institutions developed that fact clearly. At the same time very few presidents were willing to express opinions for publication. All practically agreed with President E. S. Mason of the Bank of New York in the statement that there are already so many banks in existence that rates for money have been cut to a point when there is little profit in banking.

CONCORD ORDERED TO CHINA.

Uncle Sam's Fleet in the Orient to Be Strengthened.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—Orders were issued from the Navy Department this afternoon to Commander Asa Walker to get the Concord ready for sea at once and proceed to the China station. The object is to strengthen the fleet now there and provide protection for the lives and property of Americans. The ship will call at Honolulu and is expected to reach Chinese waters by February 1st.

Cleveland Is Docked.

TACOMA, January 5.—The steamer Cleveland arrived at Quartermaster Harbor drydock today and will be docked Friday. Tomorrow the steamer Skagit Chief will go alongside her and take aboard her freight for Tacoma and Seattle. A large part of this is floating around in the hold absolutely worthless and will be dumped overboard.

Railroad Man Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 8.—Richard Gray, general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Company, died at his residence, 236 San Jose avenue, yesterday morning after an illness extending over a period of several years. He was one of the best-known traffic men in the United States, and his death will be regretted by a wide circle of friends in the business community of San Francisco and throughout California, as well as in railroad circles the whole country over.

X Ray Harmless.

ST. LOUIS, December 30.—In a letter received by a physician of this city from George Apostoli, the noted French physician and surgeon, Apostoli says he has discovered the secret of preventing the evil effects which usually ensue from the application of the X ray. He says he simply connects the machine with the ground by a metallic circuit. Under this system he has turned the X ray upon hundreds of patients and not once has there been any deleterious effects from the rays.

Colorado's Gold Production.

DENVER, December 29.—The books of the United States Branch Mint for the year 1897 are now closed. The deposits of gold are the largest ever received. The total will slightly exceed \$12,000,000, and a conservative estimate made by the Mint officials places the entire output of Colorado at \$22,000,000 in round figures.

No More Turks for Crete.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 30.—The representatives of the powers have refused to permit the Turkish Government to replace 4500 time-expired troops on the island of Crete.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

LONDON, January 7.—Ernest Hart, editor of the British Medical Journal, is dead.

BELGRADE, January 8.—A royal decree has been gazetted reorganizing the Serbian army and appointing ex-King Milan Commander-in-Chief.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—The Department of State has been informed that the governments of Russia and Japan have formally recognized the imperial title of the Emperor of Korea.

MADRID, January 6.—It is the general belief that the decision not to prosecute General Weyler will lead to the resignation of the Minister of War, General Correa.

HAVANA, January 7.—El Diario de la Marina asserts that during the month of December last at Matanzas there were twenty-five births and 1398 deaths, and that during the whole of last year there were 792 births in the city and 6765 deaths.

BOMBAY, January 6.—The plague returns for the past forty-eight hours record 142 new cases and 105 deaths. There is a general exodus of the population and a suspension of business is threatened.

BERLIN, January 6.—Emperor William will attend the coronation of Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands, next September. The German Legation at The Hague has rented a palace for his accommodation.

COLUMBUS (O.), January 6.—Conservative estimates tonight placed the legislative vote at 75 to 70 against Hanna. The workers of the Senator claim seventy-one votes and assurances of the necessity two additional votes, and possibly four.

LONDON, January 8.—A dispatch from Cape Town to the Daily Mail says that Secretary Chamberlain has "terse-ly refused" to submit to arbitration the differences between the Transvaal and the British Government.

BERLIN, January 6.—The morning papers anticipate that Belgium will shortly call a conference for the abolition of sugar bounties. Germany and Austria have already intimated to Belgium their willingness to send delegates.

LONDON, January 6.—According to the Rome correspondent of the Daily News, the Pope has nominated Father Searle of New York director of the Vatican Observatory. He will reside at the Vatican.

BERLIN, January 7.—The German Naval Department has ordered that a translation of Captain Mahan's "Influence of Sea Power in History" be supplied to all the public libraries, schools and Government institutions.

LONDON, January 7.—A dispatch from Berlin says: Fire tonight destroyed Boogis' flour mill, a number of factories and private residences. The loss is now over \$1,000,000, and the fire is still burning. It started from spontaneous combustion.

NEW YORK, January 6.—The sun Washington special says: The new revenue cutter McCulloch, the finest vessel in the revenue cutter service, will sail from Baltimore for San Francisco, her permanent station, on Sunday. She will go by way of the Suez canal, and as she will steam slowly, will not reach San Francisco until early spring.

NEW YORK, January 6.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Tribune, Uruguay has hardly emerged from one revolution, which resulted in the assassination of President Borda, and the Government has

hardly adjusted itself to new conditions, when another overthrow is promised, and the flagship Cincinnati of the South Atlantic squadron has been sent to Montevideo, where she arrived, reinforcing the Castine, already there, to protect American interests.

MOSCOW, January 5.—Dr. Zacharin, the famous physician of Alexander III., is dead. Dr. Zacharin, shortly before the death of Alexander, which occurred on November 1, 1894, was accused of having made a mistaken diagnosis of the Czar's malady, negligence and lack of professional skill also being alleged. When the death of the Czar became known the populace of Moscow wrecked the doctor's house. Later the medical students in St. Petersburg made a hostile demonstration against the doctor.

RAINFALL FOR DECEMBER, 1897.

From Reports to Weather Bureau.

STATIONS.	ELEV. (FT.)	RAINF. (IN.)
HAWAII.		
Waialeale	50	9.76
Hilo (town)	100	8.84
Kaunapali	1250	8.87
Ponahawai	1100	
Pepeekeo	100	8.25
Honolulu	300	
Honolulu	950	
Hakalau	200	7.22
Honohou		8.76
Laupahoehoe	10	
Oakala	400	
Kukui	750	5.18
Paahau	300	3.81
Paahau	1200	6.38
Honokaa Sugar Co.		4.60
Kukuihale	700	3.24
Niuli	200	2.93
Kohala (O-trom)	350	
Kohala Mission	585	2.30
Kohala Sugar Co.	234	2.00
Waimea	2720	3.24
Awini Ranch	1100	4.60
Kailua	950	1.11
Laupahoehoe	1540	0.90
Kealahou	1580	2.03
Kalahiki	800	
Kalahiki	1200	
Naelehu	650	3.20
Naelehu	1250	4.31
Naelehu	1725	6.71
Honua	15	1.16
Hilea	310	1.70
Pahala		1.92
Maunaloa	700	
Olaa (Mason)	1650	
Pohakuloa	2600	14.57
Waialeale	750	
Kapoho	110	9.74
Kamali	650	
Kalahou	8	7.83
MAUI.		
Haiku	10	4.41
Kahului	15	2.33
Kaunapali	15	3.61
Laupahoehoe	15	1.74
Olowalu	60	4.12
Hamos Plantation		1.88
Waipahoehoe	180	2.06
Punomalei	1400	
Haleakala Ranch	2000	3.41
Kula	4000	
Kaupo (Mokulau Coffee Co.)		5.13
MOLOKAI.		
Mapulehu	70	4.31
LANAI.		
Koala	1600	
OAHU.		
Punahou W. Bureau	50	0.84
Kulaokahua	50	0.51
Kewalo (King St.)	15	0.53
Kapiolani Park	10	0.68
Panama	50	1.25
Insane Asylum	30	1.07
Nuuanu (School st.)	50	1.04
Nuuanu (Wylie st.)	250	1.48
Nuuanu (Elec. Stn)	405	
Maunawili	300	4.08
Waimanalo	25	3.13
Kaneohe	100	3.32
Ahihi	350	4.28
Kahuku	25	1.90
Waipahoehoe	15	4.19
Ewa Plantation	60	0.72
Waipahu		.50
KAUAI.		
Lihue Grove Farm	200	.48
Lihue (Molokai)	300	1.01
Hanalei	200	.59
Kilauea	325	
Hanalei	10	2.78
Waialeale	32	

Records Not Hitherto Published:

Kohala Parsonage	2.25
Wylie St. (Oahu)	4.83
HAWAII.	
Hilo (town)	12.75
Kohala Parsonage	3.49
Kaunapali	18.30
Honokaa	6.17
Honolulu	13.01
Honolulu	19.99
Awini Ranch	1100
Kalahiki	800
Kalahiki	1200
Kamali	6.05
OAHU.	
Nuuanu (Wylie st.)	250
C. J. LYONS.	4.11
Per E. C. L.	

N. B. Observers are requested to forward their reports promptly at the end of each month, that they may appear in the published report on the fifteenth of following month.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Sold by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaiian Islands."

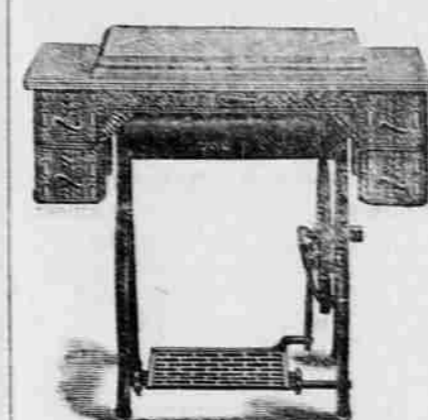
Another Roman villa has been dug up on the slope of Vesuvius, near Pompeii. The walls are covered with beautiful frescoes; one represents a bridge over a river, with an angler fishing with a line. Four wine jars were in the cellar, and seven skeletons have been found in the excavation.



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Uncle Sam's new Minister to China is a Chicago lawyer. He was educated at the University of Virginia and the Columbia Law School and has been a member of the Colorado legislature.

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